

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 1 – 24. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Multer et al. (US# 6,757,696 B2, “Multer”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited reference and respectfully assert that embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1-24 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Multer.

With respect to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not teach, disclose or suggest the claim limitation of an “account (stored on a remote server) reserved for a second handheld device and describing a complement of information stored in said second handheld device” as recited by Claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that Multer is silent as to the claimed account.

As taught by Multer in column 17 lines 18-20, *inter alia*, an “information store is maintained on a user-by-user basis” (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that there is a fundamental difference between the taught user-centric information and the recited “account reserved for a... device.”

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 overcomes the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

In addition, with respect to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not teach, disclose or suggest the claim limitation of an “account modified to identify an information that resides on said remote server but not on said second handheld device” as recited by Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully assert that Multer actually teaches away from this recited limitation. For example, Multer teaches, “(after a device connects) the storage server will be checked to determine whether a new version of the data exists on the storage server” (column 34 lines 23-26). Thus, in contrast to the recited limitation of Claim 1, the system of Multer does not know whether information resides on a device until the device connects to the server. Thus, Multer does not teach or suggest modifying an account to identify information “not on said second handheld device” as recited by Claim 1.

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 overcomes the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Further with respect to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not teach, disclose or suggest the claim limitation of:

said remote server automatically determining, from said account, that said information is new to said second handheld device and in response thereto for automatically downloading said information to said second handheld device

as recited by Claim 1. In contrast, Multer teaches a conventional synchronization in which device data is compared to a user's complete data set to determine any new information. Consequently, Multer teaches determining that information is new based upon interaction with the (second) device, in contrast to the recited "determining, from said account."

For this further reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 overcomes the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 2-11 depend from Claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

With respect to Claim 2, Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not teach, disclose or suggest the claim limitation of "said first handheld device sending said remote server a token identifying said information and said second handheld and wherein said token causes said account to be modified by said remote server" as recited by Claim 2. Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not even utilize the word "token" or similar terms. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection improperly equates Multer's "datapack" with the recited token. Multer teaches that a datapack is "a compacted and encrypted Change Log" (column 16 line 43). Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand a fundamental difference between the recited "token" and the taught "change log."

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 2 overcomes the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

With respect to Claim 4, Applicants respectfully assert that Multer does not teach, disclose or suggest the claim limitation of “wherein said information is a version of an application program” as recited by Claim 4. Applicants respectfully assert that Multer is silent as to synchronization of Application programs. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection improperly equates Multer’s “versioning module” with the recited “application program.” Multer teaches, “a versioning module... applies a version number per object in the data package” (column 12 lines 10-12). Applicants respectfully assert that the taught applying a version number would not teach or suggest the recited “application program” to one of ordinary skill in the art.

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 4 overcomes the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

With respect to Claim 12, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 12 overcomes the rejections of record for the same rationale presented previously with respect to Claim 1. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 13-20 depend from Claim 12. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

With respect to Claim 13, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 13 overcomes the rejections of record for the same rationale presented previously with respect to Claim 2. For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

With respect to Claim 15, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 15 overcomes the rejections of record for the same rationale presented previously with respect to Claim 4. For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

With respect to Claim 21, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 21 overcomes the rejections of record for the same rationale presented previously with respect to Claim 1. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 22-24 depend from Claim 21. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 1 – 24. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the remarks presented herein.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

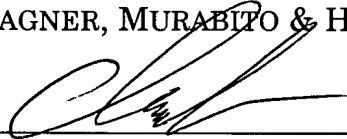
Applicants have reviewed the following references that were cited but not relied upon and do not find these references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 5,903,8360, US 6,842,772, US 6,671,757.

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